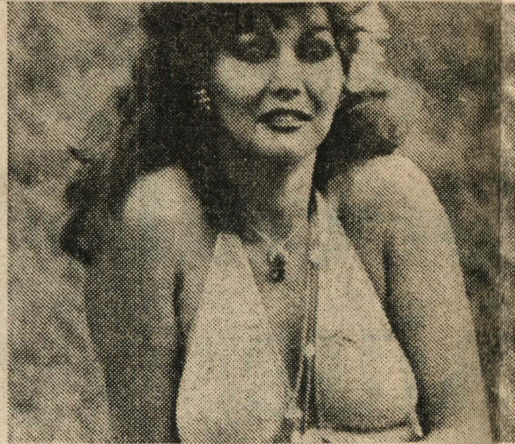


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# I WAS BOWIE'S SHE-MAN!



RONY: "Ours was a beautiful relationship."

A SEX-CHANGE night club queen has claimed she had a bizarre love affair with rock superstar David Bowie.

Drag artiste Romy Haag said she lived with the bisexual singer while he was making his new film, "Just a Gigolo," in Berlin.

She added: "To know the real David Bowie you can't do anything but love him.

"The saddest thing in my life is that our beautiful relationship as lovers is over . . .

"I just wish people wouldn't condemn it. To us it was all so natural.

"I have never considered myself to be a man, neither did David.

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## Famous

Twenty-seven-year-old Romy—born Eric Verbaarschott—has had a series of sex change operations. She is one of Europe's most famous transvestites.

A friend describes her as "tall and beautiful, a bit like Sophia Loren.

Romy says: "I am a real woman. I just wish people would not condemn me. It was all so natural.

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## Sex swap Queen's love for rock star

By KENELM JENOUR

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Talking about the break-up of 31-year-old Bowie's marriage to his wife Angie, Romy declared: "I'm glad it's over. They were so different in so many ways.

"It is because David needed someone to talk to that we became lovers.

"Angie seemed to accept our relationship.

## Funny

"David and I are still friends and I expect to see him again soon."

Both Bowie and his wife are self-confessed bisexuals. Their marriage was a "live-and-let-love" affair.

Bowie once told me: "I suppose I do fancy blokes. But I spend more time with chicks."

He met Romy while she was starring in a transvestite show in Paris.

But on hearing of her revelations he said: "The whole thing is hysterically funny. I will have a wonderful time suing Mr. Haag."



KISSING: Bowie and drag queen Romy Haag getting together in the early hours of the morning at a Paris night club.